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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission (Commission), established by the Secretary of the Interior under the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, will hold a public meeting at the Loews Coronado Bay, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, San Diego, California. Room locations will be posted in the hotel lobby.

This meeting is for the purpose of receiving briefings from the Western States Water Council and other researchers preparing reports on the status of water resources in the west today.

**DATES:** November 21 and 22, 1996. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning and adjourn by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday. The Thursday afternoon session will be a joint meeting with the Western State Water Council.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Written statements may be provided in advance to the following address: Western Water Policy Review Office, D-5001; P.O. Box 25007; Denver, CO 80225-0007, or submitted directly at the meeting. Statements received by mail will be provided to the members prior to the meeting if received by no later than November 15, 1996. The Commission's schedule will not allow time for oral presentations by the public during the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Members of the public may contact the Commission Office by telephone, 303-236-6211, or fax, 303-236-4286.

Dated: November 4, 1996.

Larry Schulz,

*Administrative Officer.*

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## Fish and Wildlife Service

### North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Meeting Announcement

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet on December 11 to review proposals for funding submitted pursuant to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Upon completion of the Council's review, proposals will be submitted to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission with recommendations for funding. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** December 11, 1996, 9:00 A.M.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Beach, 5002 Seawall Boulevard, Paradise Ballroom South, Galveston, Texas. The North American Wetlands Conservation Council Coordinator is located at Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington Square Building, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Byron Kenneth Williams, Coordinator, North American Wetlands Conservation Council, (703) 358-1784.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the North American Wetlands Conservation Council is a Federal-State-private body which meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to and final approval by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals from State, Federal, and private sponsors require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: October 31, 1996.

Jay L. Gerst,

*Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## Geological Survey

### Biological Resources Division; Species at Risk Program

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Biological Resources Division (BRD) is announcing the availability of funds through the Species

at Risk Program (SAR). The basic purpose of SAR is to fund short-term research, inventory and monitoring projects to generate information that allows development of conservation agreements, action plans and management alternatives that provide for the protection of species of flora and fauna and their habitats and thereby reduce the need for listing species as threatened or endangered.

**DATES:** Information packages describing requirements for participation in this initiative will be available upon request until December 13, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Parties interested in this program should request an information package from: Species at Risk Program, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M.S. 300, Reston, VA 20192 ATTN. Mr. John Mosesso or Ms. Wendy Kuhne.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Mosesso or Ms. Wendy Kuhne, Species at Risk Program, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M.S. 300, Reston, VA 20192 E-Mail: John\_Mosesso@nbs.gov or Wendy\_Kuhne@nbs.gov or at 703-648-4070.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

Species at Risk (SAR) is a program that develops scientific information on the status and trends of sensitive species, particularly with respect to the relationship of species abundance and distribution to habitat conditions and stresses. The basic purpose of SAR is to generate information that allows development of conservation agreements, action plans and management alternatives that provide for the protection of species and their habitats and thereby reduce the need for listing species as threatened or endangered. The program provides an opportunity for investigators to participate through survey, monitoring and research activities. Projects are specifically intended to be of short duration and should seek to optimize partnerships with Federal agencies, states, universities and others in the private sector. Successful SAR projects are often conducted by investigators who have identified key small but critical gaps in our biological knowledge. Projects then fill these gaps and provide resource managers, regulators and private landowners useable information from which prudent resource management decisions can be made. As in previous years, SAR will focus on species for which there is concern but limited information on their abundance, distribution and/or status. Projects should identify or develop new information that will reduce the need